AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first two paragraphs in the specification, both of which are under the heading CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS, with the following two rewritten paragraphs:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/802,313, filed March 8, 2001, now abandoned, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/188,378 filed March 10, 2000, and from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/188,361 filed March 10, 2000.

This application is being simultaneously filed with a related application entitled "Method For The Preparation Of Tetrahydrobenzothiepines", Serial No. <u>09/802,279</u>, now allowed. The contents of this related patent application are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth at length.--